

# BAL HARBOUR

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## UPDATE #3 COVID-19

March 6, 2020 5PM

Bal Harbour Village is actively monitoring the development of the current respiratory virus known as Coronavirus (COVID-19). There are no known cases of the virus in Bal Harbour Village or Miami-Dade County.

On March 5, 2020, Mayor Groisman and members of Village staff attended a Coronavirus update coordination meeting with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, along with Mayors and City Managers from municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County, as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH). Mayor Gimenez and FDOH officials provided an update on the COVID-19, and the need for each municipality to implement safety and preventive measures in public access areas and employee work places.

At the conclusion of the meeting, FDOH officials met with Mayor Groisman and Village staff regarding the recent media reports of a traveler who was diagnosed with COVID-19 and reportedly visited Bal Harbour Village at some point in February 2020. A conference call was arranged with the FDOH Director for the Division of Disease Control and Health Protection Dr. Carina Blackmore in Tallahassee who provided more details regarding the exposure, and the likelihood the traveler was not a risk during his visit to Bal Harbour. The FDOH shared with the Village in writing that, *"To date, we have not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in Miami and the risk of COVID-19 to Floridians remains low."* The Village will continue to relay any pertinent information as it becomes available.

The Centers for Disease Control) has provided the following guidance on actions you can take to minimize the spread of respiratory illnesses, such as the COVID-19 virus:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Vaccinations - Stay up to date on vaccinations, including the influenza vaccine.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Maintain at least six feet of distance from anyone exhibiting obvious symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick.

The CDC COVID-19 factsheet can be located online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

If you exhibit any symptoms of the COVID-19, you should stay home (except to receive medical care), separate yourself from other people and animals in your home, and call ahead before visiting any medical facility. Information on COVID-19 symptoms can be located at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>

We continue to urge residents to sign up for Bal Harbour Alerts, which will be sent directly to your cell phone. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/30KzezR>

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